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FOLLOWING REPEATS ALGIERS 603 ACTION DEPT INFO ABU DHABI BAGHDAD

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SUBJ: OPEC SUMMIT

REF: (A) ALGIERS 0586; (B) ALGIERS 0592; (C) ALGIERS 0271

1. EMBASSIES AND PRESS ARE BEING KEPT FAR FROM PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S CLOSED DOOR SESSIONS OF ALGIERS OPEC SUMMIT. REFTELS A AND B TELL MOST OF STORY AS WE PUT IT TOGETHER. BOUMEDIENE'S SPEECH IS VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH ABDESSELAM'S PROPOSALS TO FIRST MINISTERIAL IN FEBRUARY, REFTEL C, AND FROM WHAT WE KNOW IS ACCURATE REFLECTION OF DRAFT OPEC SOLEMN DECLARATION AND CONSENSUS OF MEETING. STATEMENTS BY OTHER OPEC

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PARTICIPANTS HAVE NOT BEEN PUBLISHED TO DATE, SO AS

EXPECTED, VIEW OF CONFERENCE IS THROUGH CONTROLLED
ALGERIAN EYE.

2. IN BRIEF, IF BOUMEDIENE VIEWS REPRESENT CONSENSUS OF MEETING,
SUMMIT WILL COME OUT STRONGLY THAT

(1) ILLS OF WORLD ARE FAULT OF DCS, (2) OPEC HAS ACTED
REASONABLY AND IS UNITED, (3) OPEC WILL DO A LOT FOR
DEVELOPING WORLD, AND (4) OPEC WILL MEET WITH DCS IN
SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND DIALOGUE BUT BALL IS SQUARELY
IN DC COURT TO RESPOND TO NEED FOR REFORM OF WORLD
ECONOMY TO ASSIST DEVELOPING WORLD AND TO MORE THAN
MATCH OPEC'S PROMISES.

3. PRESS AT CONFERENCE SITE PICKS UP RUMORS OF DIFFERENCES
OF OPINION BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND ALGERIANS, BUT THIS
SHOULD NOT DISRUPT AGREEMENT ALONG POLICY LINES SET FORTH
IN BOUMEDIENE SPEECH AND AT SAME LEVEL OF GENERALITY.
ALGERIAN TACTIC APPEARS TO BE TO SEEK AGREEMENT ON BROAD
POLICY GROUNDS WHICH ACCEPTABLE TO ALL OPEC AND DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. ALGERIANS THUS POINT FINGER AT DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES TO RESPOND WITH SPECIFICS TO OPEC PROPOSALS.
DIVISIVE ISSUES LIKE PRODUCTION CUTS OR WHO SUPPLIES HOW
MUCH CAPITAL TO OPEC FUND ARE LEFT TO EXPERT GROUPS WHO
WILL SUPPLY SPECIFICS ONLY WHEN FORCED TO BY DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES RESPONSE; OR, LATER IN TIME, WHEN FORCED TO
BY LDCS ATTEMPTING TO CASH IN ON OPEC PROMISES. PARKER
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